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A Note From Pastor Andrew

I find it interesting how many times I have heard from people that I should write a book. In fact, I recently was talking with some of my ministry peers and they've been told the same thing numerous times. I found it funny because the answer they gave when told this is the same one I give. "I could never write that much," and the one answer I couldn't argue with was when an older and wiser man said, "Well how many sermons do you write a year? Put those together and I bet you've got a book." Which is true. I have no plans to write a book at least not in the near future, but this got me to thinking, what if each one of us would or could recognize the blessing of being able to write a book. A book about our life. If not a book then to have the venue to openly, safely, and graciously share our own story. Not judged or having fear of ridicule, or concern of having the best or worst story. It simply would be our own story. I want to make sure to interject here, you may think, "no one would care about my story," but that is so far from the truth. Someone out there would love to read or hear it. How do I know, because I'm one of those people! I really need to be better about asking though. In the same breath, I do realize for us to do such a thing, requires comfort in being extremely vulnerable, but what if we took the chance. Anyway, this thought crossed my mind especially as we approach this coming weekend, Memorial Weekend.

I have never served in the military, but I have had the privilege to know many that have served. A friend of mine recently reminded me that on Memorial Day we honor those who died in service to our nation. I believe that like many I didn't, in the past, take the time to think on this much, it was just another Monday off from school or work. Then I visited Arlington. Then I met Ned, Chris, Ken, Don, Kristen, Mitch, Joe, and the list goes on. Not only did they share with me their story, but also they shared the story of their fallen brothers and sisters. I do not have words to describe the experiences they shared, all I can say is, "God bless them." Which is exactly what they, what we, constantly need to hear.

Everyone has a story to tell. Some parts we share, others we do not. Again, because it asks us to expose our vulnerability, our safety. I'm not always too comfortable with that, are you? However, there is one who knows us inside and out and still looks us in the face, knowing all we have done, been a part of, thought about, etc.... and instead of showing shame in its place we are shown grace, love, and forgiveness. We know this because we hear it all the time, but are we living it? There is nothing greater than God's love; this is truth. Take time this weekend and have a moment, or more, to remember the fallen. Take a moment and if you get a chance listen to a story, tell your story. It's what makes us One Body.

Blessings,

Pastor Andrew

Announcements

River of Hope

River of Hope worship is every Thursday evening at 6:30 p.m.

Sunday School

We will have Sunday school at 10:00 a.m. for all youth. Please join us!!! Last day of Sunday school for the summer is June 5.

Congregational Meeting

Sunday, June 5 we will have a Congregational Meeting immediately following worship.

Church Council

The next Church Council meeting is Sunday, June 12, 2015 at 11:45 a.m. (or immediately following adult Bible Study). We meet the third Sunday of every month (this month we will meet the second Sunday). Anyone is welcome to attend.

Pancake Breakfast

Join us the first Sunday of every month for a free breakfast. Our next breakfast is this Sunday, June 5 at 8:45 a.m.! This is a free meal provided by CTK Fellowship team. Everyone is welcome.

CTK Council

Terri Forthoffer-President, Scott DeWitt-Vice President, Jean Pezzell-Treasurer, Sue Halamka*-Financial Secretary, Sue Halamka*-Recording Secretary, Gail Carlson, Cindy Goerke, Steve Halamka, Sue Gregory-Herfert, Gary Herfert, Robin Mitchell, Dan Smith, Pastor Andrew (*Not on Church Council)

Water Bottle Collection for Flint

Car magnets are now available to order. The cost is \$12 each. Please see Scott to order. CTK will now be collection water bottles for the people of Flint. Please bring purchased water bottles to CTK. We will take the water bottles to Salem Lutheran church for distribution. Any questions see Scott DeWitt.

We currently have 10 drop-off locations around the area:

1. Metamora Shell & Tubby's - 3839 S. Lapeer Rd. Metamora
2. Pine Knob Mobile - 3492 S. Lapeer Rd. Metamora
3. Sunoco -1489 Lapeer Rd. Lapeer. Just north of the Hospital
4. Westside Market -2990 w. Genesee St. Lapeer
5. The Country Market - 2236 Imlay City Rd. Lapeer
6. Hadley Corner Store - 3500 S Hadley Rd. Hadley
7. H B's Country Market - 550 S Elba Rd. Lapeer
8. Country Side Stop In - 3892 Bronson Lake Rd. Lapeer
9. Sawdust Corners Marathon - 3528 N Lapeer Rd. Lapeer
10. Christ The King Lutheran Church-911 Baldwin Rd. Lapeer

Project for May

Each month CTK will be collecting a specific item for an organization in Lapeer. For the month of May we will be collecting feminine products for the Personal Needs Pantry at Trinity Methodist Church. Please bring items to CTK. Thank you!

Baby Bottles

It is that time again, grab a baby bottle on your way out of church and fill it with your loose change. All money goes to the Lapeer Pregnancy Center. Thank you!

Prayer Time

Every Wednesday from 11:30 –12:30 Pastor Andrew opens the sanctuary for a time of prayer. All are welcome to stop by anytime in-between and take as long as needed to find a place to re-center with God. The current format uses meditative music and a closing communal prayer. However, the time is flexible and open to nurture the needs of God's people (format can change). If possible stop by and take time for God in the middle of your week. You won't be sorry.

Loons Game

Mark your calendars for August 14- we will go to the Loons game in Midland. Cost is \$9 per person, kids 12 and under get free hotdog, chips and drink, we will carpool from CTK. Game starts at 2 pm. Please sign up on bulletin board ASAP so we know how many tickets to reserve.

Hymns and Hops

Sunday, June 12 at 6:30 pm, join us at Tilted Axis Brewing Company for our first Hymns and Hops. We will sing songs together, have a beverage of your choice and a meal if you like!

Father's Day/Baptism/Confirmation/P.A.'s Last Day Brunch

Sunday, June 19 immediately following worship (11:15am) we will have a brunch/potluck to celebrate our two confirmands, Emily Murray and Alex Curtis as well as Alex's Baptism. This will also be Pastor Andrew's last day with us. The 19th is also Father's Day!!! IT'S A BIG DAY!!! We know this day for you may already be packed with plans, but even a few minutes of your time means so much. Please bring a dish to share. Everyone is welcome!!! BRING THE WORLD!!!

CTK Spirit-wear Fundraiser

We are ordering CTK Spirit-wear again. T-shirts, polos, hoodies, sweatshirts! This is a fundraiser for CTK. See the flier on the bulletin board for pricing and colors. Please sign up on the bulletin board.

CTK Teams

All our Team meetings are open to everyone. Please stop in and see what we are doing.

Marketing & Publicity/ Outreach Team

Marketing & Publicity Team and Outreach Team will meet together; our next meeting is June 2 at 7:15 p.m. We meet the first Thursday of every month.

Fellowship Team

Next meeting is on June 12 at 9:30 a.m. We meet the second Sunday of every month

Worship Team

Our next meeting is Thursday, May 26 at 5:45 p.m. We meet the fourth Thursday of every month.

CTK Small Groups

Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible study will meet at Linda Hash's house on June 20 at 1:00 pm.

Sowing Threads of Fellowship

We will meet on the first Monday of each month at 1:00pm. Our next meeting is Monday, June 6.

Women's Group

Women's group meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm at CTK. We share a meal together, share stories and laughter. Come and join us! Anyone is welcome, if you have never been before, come and see what is happening!! Our next meeting is June 14, please bring a dish to share!

Schedule of Events

Thursday, May 26

5:45 pm Worship Team meeting

6:30 pm River of Hope

Sunday, May 29

10:00 am Worship

10:00 am Sunday School

11:00 am Fellowship

Wednesday, June 1

11:30 am-12:30 pm Prayer Time

Thursday, June 2

6:30 pm River of Hope

7:15 pm Marketing & Publicity/Outreach Team meeting

Sunday, June 5

8:45 am Pancake Breakfast

10:00 am Worship

10:00 am Sunday School

11:00 am Fellowship

11:00 am Bible Study

Wednesday, June 8

11:30 am-12:30 pm Prayer Time

Thursday, June 9

6:30 pm River of Hope

Sunday, June 12

10:00 am Worship

11:00 am Fellowship

11:00 am Bible Study

11:45 am Church Council

6:30 pm Hymns and Hops*

